

VILLA FORCES DEFEATED SURE

VILLA'S CAPTURE OR DEATH SEEMS MORE LIKELY NOW COAL RATE CASE SET FOR APRIL 24 HERRERA REVOLT DOES NOT EXIST

As American Troops Will Not Let Him Get Out of Their Sight Again.

PERSHING STILL SILENT
Improved Working of Wireless May Result in Receipt of Account of Engagement.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
EL PASO, Tex., March 24.—No word had come to military headquarters here early Friday to confirm reports that American troops and the Carranza army had surrounded Villa and his men and that a battle was imminent.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
SAN ANTONIO, March 24.—Reports from Mexican sources that Villa had been defeated by American troops at El Oso, near Nacaju, were accepted today by Major General Funston as probably true, although no confirmation by General Pershing had been received. Improvement in the working of the wireless made it appear likely that General Pershing would break his fifth day of silence regarding operations south of Casas Grandes by rendering an account of the engagement at El Oso.

Here it was believed that the Americans would not allow Villa to get out of their sight again and that his capture or death appeared more likely today than at any other time. General Pershing, it was believed, would concentrate as many of his men as possible in the pursuing force relieving those who have been riding the country south of Casas Grandes.

WIRELESS STATIONS ARE DISMANTLED ON BORDER

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
SAN ANTONIO, March 24.—Twenty-five wireless stations in and about this city have been dismantled by federal officers acting upon instructions from the department of justice, it was announced here today.

The plants designated as "amateur stations" have been a source of considerable annoyance to the war department especially since the establishment of wireless apparatus with the American troops in Mexico.

MILITARY GOVERNOR DENIES THE REPORT

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
DOUGLASS, Ariz., March 24.—General P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, Friday denied reports that a large number of Mexican troops have reached Agua Prieta, opposite here, from the South. Investigation did not reveal an increased number of troops in Agua Prieta.

WOMAN JAILED

On Charge of Violating the Prohibition Law in the Usual Manner.

Awaiting a trial or a hearing before a magistrate on a charge of violating the prohibition law by importing two handbags of bottled whiskey, not labeled, Mary Polish, a middle-aged foreign woman, is a prisoner in the county jail. She was arrested Thursday night as she stepped from the Pittsburg Flyer at the local railroad station by J. H. Tenny, deputy state commissioner of prohibition. Deputy Sheriff Laco Wolfe and John Siers, special county officer. The officers confiscated two suit boxes and a satchel containing whiskey, which they found in seats of the train.

INFANTRY ORDERED

To Re-enforce Border Patrol and National Guard Duty is Discussed by Cabinet.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, March 24.—One battalion of the Twenty-first infantry was ordered Friday from the Vancouver barracks at El Centro, Calif., to reinforce the border patrol. The order was issued at the request of Major General Bell, commanding the western department.

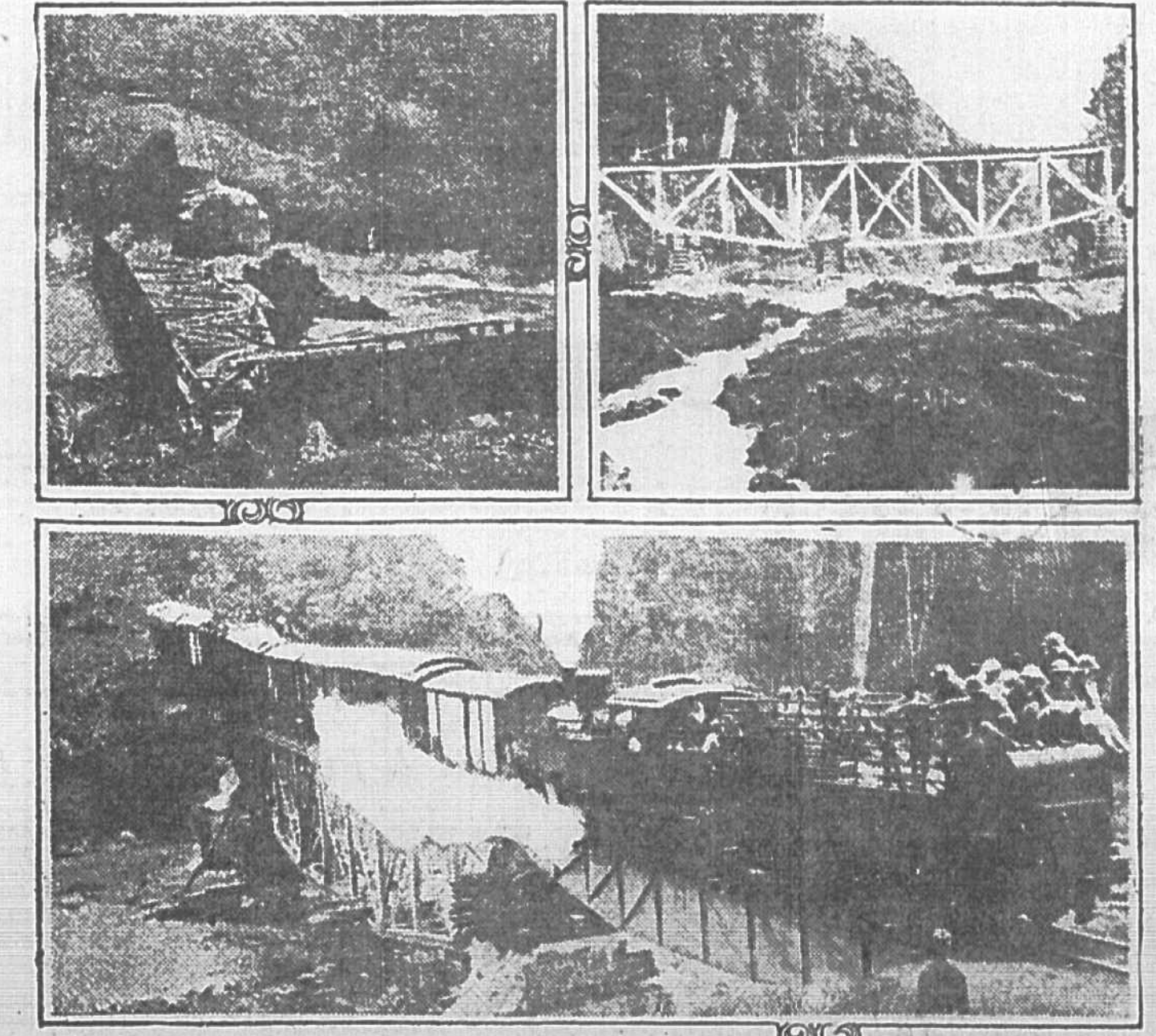
The question of calling the national guard for border duty to release regulars for service in Mexico was discussed at Friday's cabinet meeting but it was decided there was no prospect of such action at this time.

COAL OPERATORS MEET.

A general meeting of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators Association is being held in the Chamber of Commerce building at Fairmont Friday afternoon. Daniel Howard, president of the Central Fairmont Coal Company, and Fred Howard, both of this city, are attending the meeting.

Ignatius Brennan, poet laureate of West Virginia, is in the city looking after business affairs. A. M. Moore, of Parkersburg, is a business visitor in the city. F. B. Kunst is here from Morgantown.

BRITISH IN FULL CONTROL OF GERMAN COLONY IN AFRICA



Retreating Germans destroy railway bridge in Cameroon (upper left); British repair bridge (upper right) and are now using it to transport troops and supplies.

The British army is now in complete control of Cameroon, the big German colony in Africa. These pictures were taken during the campaign. The Germans in their retreat overturned a bridge on the Northern railway in Cameroon. It took the British engineers less than a month to reconstruct it.

ATTACK ON THE BORDER BY MEXICANS IS FEARED

GAS WELL FOR BABY.
Announcement is made of the birth of Evelyn Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Doman here Thursday. The father came down from Buckhannon where he is piano player at the theater there. He celebrated and then returned to Buckhannon today. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Doman, the grandparents, are the happiest couple in the city. The grandfather has a good gas well that came in this week and he will dedicate it to the new baby. All are doing nicely.

PROMINENT DUTCHMAN
From The Hague Visits This Section to Study Methods of Oil Field Operations.

F. K. Friederich, of The Hague, Holland, who was a distinguished visitor in the city a few days, went to Pittsburg Thursday night. He is the head of the drilling department of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company and he came to this country to study methods of operation. He declared himself much impressed with the same and his company will adopt most of them. While here he was a guest of Norton S. Longbaugh, manager of the local branch of the Oil Well Supply Company, who showed him through some of the fields.

BURNED CITY
Begins to Discuss Plans for Rebuilding and an Optimistic Spirit is Prevalent.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
AUGUSTA, Ga., March 24.—Having perfected plans for the immediate needs of several hundred destitute persons, Augusta today began to discuss plans for rebuilding the burned district. An optimistic spirit prevailed among the business men and work will go forward at once. The two newspapers, the Herald and Chronicle, are making arrangements to rebuild as soon as possible. Orders for new equipment will be placed immediately by the two papers.

NO CHANGE AT VERDUN.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
PARIS, March 24.—There was no change in the situation around Verdun since yesterday, according to the war office statement issued this afternoon. West of the Meuse the night was calm. East of the river there were intermittent bombardments.

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT.

Upon the application of Virginia Donley, a writ of habeas corpus has been issued by order of Judge James W. Robinson of the criminal court against Joseph Hartman returnable in court at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. She seeks the custody of Helen Virginia Hartman, a child.

LAMBIE FUNERAL
Services Will Be Held at Home on Wilson Street Tonight.

Funeral services over the body of William K. Lambie, who died at his home on Wilson street Thursday morning will be held at 7 o'clock Friday night at the Lambie home, the Rev. Dr. E. B. Turner and the Rev. Charles B. Mitchell having charge of the services. The funeral party will go to Cumberland, Md., Saturday morning and the burial will be there.

FUNERAL
Services over the Body of Mrs. Mary F. Kidd Will Be Held Saturday.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Mary F. Kidd, aged 55 years, who died at 11:30 o'clock Thursday night at her home at Adamston following a long illness of a complication of diseases, will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Latter Day Saints church at Stealy Heights and the burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The deceased woman is survived by two sons, Ray F. Kidd, of Terra Alta, and Desty E. Kidd, of Wallace. Mrs. Kidd was a good Christian woman and at all times took an active part in church work. She leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her.

By the Interstate Commerce Commission for the First Hearing Thereon.

WEST VIRGINIA INVOLVED
Rate from Pittsburg to Ashtabula is Also to Be Looked into the Same Time.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, March 24.—Investigation of bituminous coal rates from mines in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio to Lake Erie ports from transshipment over the Great Lakes was ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission on its own initiative. The commission fixed April 24 for the first hearing here.

Formal complaint from the Pittsburgh Coal Operators' Association that rates of the Pennsylvania and other railroads are unreasonable and discriminatory from the Pittsburgh district to Ashtabula, O., will be investigated at the same time.

In announcing the investigation the commission stated that it had taken up the question because of numerous informal complaints. The terminal points involved are Conneaut Harbor, Ashtabula, Fairport, Cleveland, Lorain, Huron, Sandusky and Toledo. Seventeen railroads are involved.

REED HERE

Following Campaign of Several Days in Braxton for Congressional Nomination.

Stuart F. Reed, of Charleston, secretary of state, arrived in the city Thursday night from Braxton county, where he campaigned all during the week in the interest of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Congress in this district. Secretary Reed is very strong in Braxton as well as other interior counties and his visit in that section was marked with a most enthusiastic reception. He received every assurance that he would carry Braxton county, he says, by an overwhelming majority. Mr. Reed has not been well for some time and that has interfered with his personal canvass of the district, but his physical condition is better now and he expects to become more active at once. He will remain in the city two or three days.

CHARTERS

Are Issued to Two New Corporations in This Section of West Virginia.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHARLESTON, March 24.—The Business Men's Association of Grafton has been issued a charter of incorporation by the secretary of state. The authorized capital is \$50,000. The purpose of the organization is to improve the harbor of trade generally in Grafton to afford the members an opportunity to keep in close touch with each other with relation to business. The incorporators are O. J. Fleming, Harry Friedman, William Morgan, R. M. Parrish and C. A. Sinsel, all of Grafton.

A charter was issued to the Glen Elk Lumber Company, of Clarksburg, with an authorized capital of \$25,000. The company will operate in Clarksburg. The incorporators are M. B. Sprigg, J. J. Ervin, M. A. Bailey, W. A. Edwards and A. V. Woodell, all of Weston.

TO BE SHOT

By Order of General Carranza is a Former Resident of a Michigan Town.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
HIBBING, Minn., March 24.—Edward Milner, a former resident of Hibbing, is in jail at some point along the Mexican border awaiting execution by order of Carranza authorities, according to a letter received from him by J. B. Connors, postmaster here, Friday.

Milner, a former cavalry officer in Francisco Villa's army, had been given thirty days in which to arrange his affairs. The name of the town in which he is imprisoned was stricken from the letter but he asks to be addressed as Captain Hastings in care of Attorney Hughes, Tucson, Ariz.

POSSE PURSUE

Paul Hadley and His Bride Who Are Charged with Killing Sheriff Jacob Giles, of Beaumont, Tex., on a Train Near Checotah, Okla., Friday.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
MUSKOGEE, Okla., March 24.—Three posses are pursuing Paul V. Hadley and his bride, charged with killing Sheriff Jacob Giles, of Beaumont, Tex., on a train near Checotah, Okla., Friday. Hadley was being taken to Beaumont to answer a murder charge. After he shot Giles, Hadley compelled the conductor to stop the train and with his wife fled to the hills. They are said to be armed.

NUSBAUM CASE

Is Being Prepared to Be Appealed to Supreme Court of the State.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
MORGANTOWN, March 24.—A bill of eight exceptions, preliminary to an appeal to the West Virginia supreme court in the case of the state against William Nusbaum was authorized by Judge Sturgis, of the Monongalia circuit court here Wednesday. At the time of Mr. Nusbaum's trial, conviction and sentence on the charge of violating the Yost prohibition law as amended, exceptions were noted by counsel for the defendant, with the view of an appeal. Meanwhile, it has been stated in Charleston that a pardon has been granted to Nusbaum and the report has been denied. Local officers do not know what the facts are in this connection. Attorneys G. M. Hoffheimer and J. C. Crile, of Clarksburg, were here and acting with Attorney Frank P. Corbin, secured the bill of exceptions.

An appeal in the case will test several provisions of the prohibition law as it now stands on the statute books, and unless the pardon has been granted as has been announced, the highest court of the state will be forced to determine the questions involved.

MILLS WRECKED

By Dynamite Explosion and 100 Men Have a Miraculous Escape from Death.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 24.—One hundred men employed at the Ohio and Indiana stone quarry about three miles from here, had a miraculous escape Friday when about 4,000 pounds of dynamite exploded, wrecking the mills and breaking many plate glass windows in the city. Many of the men, some of whom were within fifty feet of the dynamite store house, were knocked down and some were bruised, but none was killed. A foreign woman was injured when the house in which she lived was crumpled by the explosion. The cause of the explosion is not known. One man said he looked up from his work and saw a blaze at the storehouse. He shouted a warning and started to run but the explosion followed immediately.

PAY DAY.

Saturday will be pay day with the Consolidation Coal Company. It will pay its miners approximately \$54,000 for work done the first half of the month. The amount is about the same paid last pay day.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Trial of Della Robey's paternity case against Ben D. Orr was resumed in the criminal court Friday morning. A jury had the case of June Powell tried for selling liquor.

GERMANS WIN.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
BERLIN, March 24.—Further successes have been won by the Germans in the vicinity of Haucourt northwest of Verdun, army headquarters announced Friday, two additional trenches having been occupied.

UTILITY SERVICE

RULES CHANGED BY STATE BODY

Commission Formulates New Regulations for Utility Schedules.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHARLESTON, March 24.—Eighteen regulations governing the construction and filing of electric, water, gas, telephone, telegraph and other public utility rate schedules, not including those of common carriers, have been adopted by the public utility commission. It is announced by Secretary R. P. Bernheim, of that state body.

These regulations, the first of the kind that have been adopted by the commission, will become effective April 1 of this year, and are in brief as follows:

- First—Utilities required to transmit two copies of each schedule for filing.
- Second—Statutory notice to commission and public required except in particular cases.
- Third—Earliest day on which the schedule can be made effective, except as otherwise provided, thirty days from date of filing.
- Fourth—Schedules not to be withdrawn, cancelled, revised or amended except by permission.
- Fifth—Burden of proof in application for change of rates to be on utility applying.
- Sixth—Schedules to be printed according to certain specifications.
- Seventh—Schedules to be in book, sheet or pamphlet form, but loose-

Consul Letcher Telegraphs That There is No Truth in Reports of Revolt.

IS LOYAL TO CARRANZA

Consul's Report is Regarded as Removing One of Most Menacing Features in Mexico.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, March 24.—American Consul Letcher at Chihuahua today reported there was no truth in the reported revolt of General Luis Herrera and the Carranza garrison at Chihuahua.

Although General Funston and General Bell on the border have received reports confirming the story of the revolt, which they believe to be true, the despatch from Consul Letcher, who is on the ground and has headquarters at the place where the revolt was said to have occurred, is taken by officials here as confirming the statement of Carranza officials that no such revolt has occurred.

Consul Letcher's despatch reported that General Herrera was in command of the defacto troops there and was "loyal to General Carranza."

His report is regarded as removing one of the most menacing features of the Mexican situation. Major General Funston sent this telegram to the war department: "General Herrera in a telegram to General Gaviira strongly denies all reports that he has gone over to Villa. General Gutierrez, governor of Chihuahua, in a letter to General Gaviira also strongly denies that General Herrera has gone over to Villa."

EXPLORER RETURNS

From His Antarctic Expedition But News of His Achievements Are Withheld.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
SYDNEY, New South Wales, March 24.—Lieutenant Sir Ernest Shackleton has returned from his Antarctic expedition. News of the achievements of the expedition is withheld for the present.

The adventure of Lieutenant Shackleton heading the British trans-Antarctic expedition had a three-fold purpose to navigate Antarctica on a meridian; to secure for the British flag the honor of being the first national emblem thus to be taken from sea to sea across this south polar realm; and to conduct scientific work relating among other phases to meteorology, geology, geology and geodesic survey. The expedition was financed by large gifts from persons interested in polar exploration. Funds amounting to more than \$300,000 were raised including \$50,000 from the British government.

SON BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kinter at Their Home in the Fordyce Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kinter, of the Fordyce Apartments, are the proud parents of a daughter and a half pound son which the work left at their home Friday morning. The youngster was named H. B. Jr., in honor of his father. Mrs. Kinter and the babe are getting along nicely and Mr. Kinter's friends hope he will soon be able to resume his duties as salesman for Armour and Company.

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